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SUBJECT: PORTUGAL HAS NO COMMENT ON U.S. PRIORITIES FOR THE
COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES AT UNGA

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Pol-Econ Officer delivered reftel points on Community of Democracies (CD) in advance of the UNGA meetings to MFA Diplomatic Advisor Pedro Courela on September 12. We underscored the U.S. interest in supporting Portugal's Chairmanship and reiterated our hope that the CD members will contribute to the working groups, the Secretariat, and results-based projects over the next year. Courela offered no comment.

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